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<b>Advisory Action</b>	Application No. <b>09/517,345</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Anderson et al</b>
	Examiner <b>Nitin Parekh</b>	Art Unit <b>2811</b>
		
<i>-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --</i>		
<p>THE REPLY FILED <u>Feb 12, 2002</u> FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid the abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.</p>		
<b>THE PERIOD FOR REPLY [check only a) or b)]</b>		
<p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.</p>		
<p>b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In view of the early submission of the proposed reply (within two months as set forth in MPEP § 706.07 (f)), the period for reply expires on the mailing date of this Advisory Action, OR continues to run from the mailing date of the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for the reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.</p>		
<p>Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).</p>		
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____ Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.</p>		
<p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed amendment(s) will be entered upon the timely submission of a Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief with requisite fees.</p>		
<p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:</p>		
<p>(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See NOTE below);</p>		
<p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> they raise the issue of new matter. (See NOTE below);</p>		
<p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or</p>		
<p>(d) <input type="checkbox"/> they present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.</p>		
<p>NOTE: <u>Proposed limitations on the thickness of the adhesive layer and transition medium as recited in Claims 25 and 49-61 warrant further consideration and/or search.</u></p>		
<p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____ _____</p>		
<p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in separate, timely filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claim(s).</p>		
<p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The a) <input type="checkbox"/> affidavit, b) <input type="checkbox"/> exhibit, or c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: <u>Claims 1-24 are held prima facie obvious over the applied references due to the reasons of record.</u></p>		
<p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.</p>		
<p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For purposes of Appeal, the status of the claim(s) is as follows (see attached written explanation, if any): Claim(s) allowed: <u>None</u> Claim(s) objected to: <u>None</u> Claim(s) rejected: <u>1-25 and 49-61</u></p>		
<p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ a) <input type="checkbox"/> has b) <input type="checkbox"/> has not been approved by the Examiner.</p>		
<p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ <i>Thomas</i></p>		
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>		

  
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